Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Kadoka, South Dakota, formerly known as the town site of Willard, came into existence in 1906, along the tracks of the Milwaukee Railroad; and,

Whereas, This summer, Kadoka residents are celebrating 100 years of being the friendly town at the gateway to the Badlands; and,

Whereas, Kadoka was derived from the Sioux word Hodoka, meaning "hole in the wall" (of the Badlands); and,

Whereas, Many of Kadoka's first settlers came by railroad, and some by team and covered wagon, crossing the Missouri River by ferry; and,

Whereas, Early Kadoka pioneers included newspaper editors, Harry Hammond and Frank Coye: postmistress, Lenore McCarthy; roads agent, Joe Pease; restaurant owners, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelling; bankers, Martin Johnson and Oscar Stuart; and rooming house operators, Queenie and Georgia Parker; and,

Whereas, The community pride in towns like Kadoka contributes greatly to the high quality of life in South Dakota and those who love the city of Kadoka will gather to celebrate the community's 100th anniversary:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 23 – 25, 2006, as

KADOKA CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State